

Prices and Prospects.

A CONTRACT FOR PROMPT COKE MADE AT \$1.40 CENTS A TON.

Deal Closed Yesterday for Fifteen Thousand Tons to Be
Delivered During January.

NEW CENTRAL AGENCY SCHEME

Brief Review of Conditions and Policies That Controlled Coke and Pig Iron Markets During the Past 12 Months

Special to The Weekly Courier—
PITTSBURG, Dec. 28.—The coke market has partaken in full measure of the dullness which has pervaded the iron industry and its branches. There has been but one important transaction in prompt coke consumers being well covered with contracts to round out the year while perhaps on account of the great holiday negotiations on the several contracts which have been pending have made little progress.

A prominent merchant pig iron concern with headquarters at Cleveland closed a contract today for 15,000 tons of prompt furnace coke at \$1.40 per ton, delivered through the month of January. This interest had already contracted for about one-third of its requirements for the first half of 1911 at \$1.60.

In the absence of any other important transactions market prices can be said to be unchanged from last week. Prompt furnace coke at \$1.40 per ton, contract furnace coke at \$1.40 per ton, prompt foundry coke at \$1.40 per ton, contract foundry coke at \$1.40 per ton.

Very little can be learned from Pittsburgh regarding the proposed central selling agency beyond the fact that it is intended to take out a Pennsylvania charter for the Fidelity Coal & Coke Company, with \$300,000 capital stock. This new organization is to make contracts with various coke producers for their entire output, and then sell the coke in the market, regulating the production of the coke according to the several capacities. In local coke circles considerable doubt is found as to whether this new move will be a success as in some quarters it is claimed that when it was found impossible to get the coke producers to agree upon the appointment of some agency now equipped with a scheme for selling coke or pig iron it would naturally be more difficult to get them to go to the expense of establishing a new agency. The general disposition however is to sue and judgment until it is seen how many coke producing interests are willing to find themselves to the new move as that will constitute the crucial test.

The local pig iron market has been stagnant since our last report. There have been no transactions of importance and sellers have few inquiries to work on. Prices do not appear to have changed. Bessemer beam, \$10.15; Valley beam, \$10.00; No. 2 foundry, \$12.75. With poor facilities of shipping the last named price.

There has been more general closing of steel mills for the holidays than for several years. A number of plants were closed last week and it is thought this week only. There has been a sharp decrease in shipping requirements and the time is seized upon as favorable for making repairs and concluding inventory.

In this closing report of the year a little review of the course of the market in the past twelve months is fitting.

The year opened with some doubts and uncertainties as to the pushing up of prices from May to November in the steel trade there was left nothing to induce buyers to place additional orders. In the retrospect it is seen that the chief cause of the continued buying of steel products last year was the fact that prices kept moving up and previous purchases were made to look like bargains.

In the coke trade the doubts were a little more pronounced than in the steel trade. Prices have been pushed up somewhat more rapidly, but the spirit of the movement was precisely the same and the steel trade has no occasion to criticize the Connellsville coke trade for making too much of a boom out of last year's movement. The steel trade did the same thing only not nearly so thoroughly as the Connellsville coke trade. Those who occupy glass houses ought not to throw stones. The Connellsville coke trade acted on the gold old adage that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

At any rate the year opened with Connellsville coke held at high prices. Opening and closing prices were as follows:

	Jan 5	Dec 28
Prompt Furn.	\$1.40	\$1.40
Contract Furn.	\$1.40	\$1.40

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING DEC 24, 1910				WEEK ENDING DEC 17, 1910			
	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
District								
Connellsville	28,925	13,039	10,889	149,701	23,925	1,031	10,889	153,715
Lower Connellsville	15,269	10,901	1,368	112,744	15,269	10,812	117	118,597
Totals	44,194	23,940	12,257	262,445	39,194	21,843	11,006	272,312
Furnace Ovens								
Connellsville	19,037	10,185	8,652	115,138	19,037	10,365	5,672	122,211
Lower Connellsville	4,613	3,120	1,474	37,650	4,613	11,110	1,113	8,100
Totals	23,650	13,305	10,126	152,788	23,650	21,475	6,785	130,311
Open Market Ovens								
Connellsville	4,891	2,674	2,237	0,765	4,891	1,734	2,237	11,110
Lower Connellsville	10,351	7,726	2,825	105,061	10,351	7,726	2,237	100,197
Totals	15,242	10,400	5,062	105,826	15,242	9,460	4,474	111,307
SHIPMENTS								
WEEK ENDING DEC 24, 1910								
To Pittsburgh	1,986 Cars				3,170 Cars			
To Points West of Pittsburgh	4,531 Cars				5,073 Cars			
To Points East of the Region	640 Cars				793 Cars			
Totals	7,157 Cars				9,036 Cars			

BY-PRODUCT COKE IN CONNELLSVILLE REGION.

Trade Paper Ventures Long Range Prediction That Is Hardly in Line With Deductions Drawn From Facts Concerning the Industry.

The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report, one of the leading journals of the industry, in its recent issue, has made a long and detailed prediction of the future of the by-product coke industry. The prediction is that the by-product coke industry will continue to grow and will become a more important part of the iron and steel industry. The prediction is based on the fact that the by-product coke industry has been growing steadily for many years and that it is expected to continue to grow for many years to come. The prediction is also based on the fact that the by-product coke industry is a more efficient and economical way of producing coke than the traditional way of producing coke. The prediction is that the by-product coke industry will continue to grow and will become a more important part of the iron and steel industry.

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IRON AND STEEL.

The Market Ending the Year in Comparative Stagnation

Special to The Weekly Courier—
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report said:

The iron and steel market is ending the year in a condition of comparative stagnation. This is no new thing, for the industry has been in a similar condition for many years. The reason for this is that the iron and steel industry is a very conservative industry. It does not like to take risks and it does not like to change. It is a very slow-moving industry and it is very difficult to get it to change. The iron and steel industry is a very conservative industry. It does not like to take risks and it does not like to change. It is a very slow-moving industry and it is very difficult to get it to change.

There is reason to conclude that the present stagnation is by no means wholly the product of the season which may indeed be largely an incident of a movement involving primarily the reaction from the overdoing of the boom of a year or more ago. It is not, however, the feeling among buyers that prices have not been allowed to rise as far as they should and that they are likely to come down early in the new year.

According to this analysis one is disposed to conclude: (1) That prices have not swung as far as they will. We should then look for better buying and increasing production next year and also lower prices. Producers are doubtless looking for the former, and buyers are according to all reports looking for the latter.

TWO BLAST FURNACES

To Be Built by Pittsburgh Steel as Announced

Wallace H. Rowe, President of the Pittsburgh Steel Company, announced today that negotiations have been concluded for the construction of two blast furnaces at the company's plant at Monaca, Pa. The furnaces will be built at a cost of \$1,000,000 and will be completed in 1912. The furnaces will be used to produce pig iron for the company's steel mills. The furnaces will be the largest blast furnaces ever built in the United States.

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William Jones and John McCarter have been employed at the Davidson plant for almost 60 years.

SHIPPERS ASKING

FOR LOWER RATES.

Additional Arguments for Mass Meeting to Be Held at Pittsburgh.

COAL MEN PREPARE FIGURES

Which Show Cost From Pittsburgh District Compared With Competing Points as Illustration of Injustice of Existing Rates

Additional arguments are being prepared by Pittsburgh shippers to uphold the contention that the freight rates by the railroad companies to excess. This is to be the topic of a mass meeting of all the large shipping companies in the district at a conference to be held next week. The meeting is being called by the Pittsburgh Coal Shippers' Association. The meeting is being called by the Pittsburgh Coal Shippers' Association.

Pittsburgh coal is expensive, largely because it is shipped to the west by the Erie Railroad. The freight rate by the Erie Railroad to the west is \$1.00 per ton. The freight rate by the Erie Railroad to the west is \$1.00 per ton.

Production and Output.

THE COKE REGION IS RUNNING 60 PER CENT. OF ITS CAPACITY.

Merchant Interests Making Some Gains and at the Same Time Avoiding Stocking Coke.

QUESTION OF MUCH INTEREST

Is the Gross Discrimination in Freight Rates Against the Connellsville Operators Soon to Receive Attention—Production and Output Last Week

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DETAILED FIGURES

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The Equator freezes over. Why
don't you have such cold street cars

Correspondent.

congressman, and every man of prominence in the country.
In the large reception hall, the visitor sits down to wait. Before long one of the two secret service men takes a name down on a special blank, on which his business is stated, and whether he desires to see Secretary Norton or the President. The caller must convince the secret service men that he has a legitimate excuse for an interview with the Executive.
Mr. Burke's name is handed by the secret service men to Secretary Norton, who in the large reception hall, in view of the call, and perhaps may influence the caller, in an attempt to see if he can't be headed away. Norton receives the card, writes "nothing," and gives it back to the caller. In addition, he is present in the President's private office, during a part of every day, where he receives Executive grants.
Norton having OK'd the application, the visitor is next taken to a sort of improvised reception hall by Burkekeeper McKenna. The corridor is nothing more than a hall, screened off. This is "Lame Duck Alley." The alley contains the few who finally get in to see the President. McKenna lets the candidates in one at a time, or in bunches. The new plan has resulted in much greater facility in the handling of applicants. The secret service men are responsible for the improvement. They are experts in "fixing up" callers.
One of the most interesting conversations to be held in the coming year is the so-called "dogo" Congress—the Congress for the International control of both foreign drugs, the prohibition for which are now being arranged by the Government of the Netherlands. Some years ago diplomatic negotiations between China and England resulted in a treaty which between the two countries by which England agreed upon a gradual reduction of the quantities of opium exported from its Asiatic possessions in China in proportion as the Chinese Government restricted the manufacture of opium in China.
The great benefits which have resulted from this agreement have caused the enlightened progressives—who now now denigrate the government of the edictorial empire to seek a more liberal policy for which are now being arranged. Such a treaty is provided for in the Anglo-Chinese Treaty. At the time of the signing of this treaty certain influential citizens of the United States intervened in the State Department in the belief of China from this point the restriction in this country upon the sale of opium for general consumption formed a precedent for gradually increased. Accordingly the State Department determined to take the initiative in proposing a world conference. The purpose of this was to be to all the powers at two of the disgraced as to the inclusion of certain drugs in the classification of "habit forming drugs." This matter is being taken for the consideration. It will probably convene within the next few weeks.

OBSERVE CHRISTMAS.

Liederkranz Folks Have a Merry Time on Sunday Evening.
The Liederkranz hall was filled to its almost capacity Sunday night when the annual Christmas exercise took place. The event is an important one and is in charge of the ladies of the Liederkranz Society. The hall was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and arranged in one corner of the hall was an immense Christmas tree, which was brilliantly illuminated with red and green lights and laded with Christmas gifts for the children. The annual Christmas treat was distributed and it was a happy gathering of children.
A Christmas entertainment consisting of recitations, songs and dialogues was exceptionally well rendered by the children. Over 100 persons were present, 140 of the number being children. The affair was the largest Christmas entertainment ever held by the society.
Next Year's eve the annual New Year's dance will be held for the members of the society and their friends.

FLANGE CAME OFF

Engine Hauling No. 75 Sunday and Train Was Delayed.
What might have been a serious accident happened to No. 15 Sunday evening at Yough, several miles east of Erie, when a tire on a wheel of the front tender truck blew off. The train cars stopped almost immediately and a most serious injury was a broken switch frog. The mishap caused a reasonable delay to the passengers, who were stranded along the mountains until they could be transferred to No. 15.
The engine and tender were brought to the Connellsville shops for repairs, and No. 15 was running at good speed before the accident occurred. The passengers were delayed about three hours by the accident.

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THE INSTITUTE HOLDS INTEREST

Of Teachers and Others
Who Are Attending
the Session.

THE MEETING TUESDAY EVENING

Taxed Capacity of Carnegie Library
Hall—County Superintendent C G
Lewellyn Addressed Session—Pro
gram Wednesday.

The local teachers institute is in full swing and each session grows more interesting. The teachers are all playing great interest in the institute and all are present at the opening of the session. Teachers from surrounding towns and a number of ex-teachers are taking advantage of the institute. The session Wednesday opened at 8 o'clock with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. E. Curran, pastor of the Methodist First Church. A short song service in charge of Mrs. Mary Marshall Cobb the soloist, followed.

The first topic for discussion was "Which is of more value to the grade pupil, English composition or dictation grammar." The discussion was opened by Mrs. Lillian O. S. Rouse, a member of the summer school faculty of the University of Pittsburgh. Miss Sprague discussed at length the importance of both and of the opinion on both of a great value, and the student should have plenty of each. She gave a number of illustrations and took each grade separately in discussing the topic. The discussion at the close of Miss Sprague's talk was open to the teachers and other instructors present. Superintendent of Schools W. W. Deffenbaugh requested Miss Nannie Mackrell principal of the Morehead school, Pittsburgh, to discuss the subject. Miss Mackrell felt it was an able one and should prove of great benefit to the teachers. The subject was also discussed by Dr. Murphy and Dr. Thomas Hodges, the latter a member of the West Virginia Board of School Control at Charleston, W. Va.

At 10 o'clock departmental conferences took place. The primary grade conferences were in charge of Prof. H. Sprague Ball of the South Side school. Miss Sprague spoke on "The Story and the Poem" and a demonstration lesson on "What we learn was a piece from lessons in literature."

Principal F. R. Yoder of the West Side schools had charge of the intermediate and high school conferences. Miss Mackrell took on "The Essentials of History" a paper which Principal B. L. P. Coburn gave a talk on "The History School." Dr. Hodges spoke on "The Relation Between the High School and College." Dr. Hodges is a very able speaker and his talk was one of unusual interest. The program then adjourned until this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock when it convened with a song by the institute.

The first and only evening session held Tuesday evening in the Carnegie Free Library and was one of the most important. It was largely attended, being estimated that nearly 500 people including friends, patrons, of the schools and members of the Board of Directors, were present. The meeting was especially for the Director and the board was well represented.

The session opened with a piano solo by Miss Humphrey and Mr. Joseph County Superintendent of Schools C. G. Lewellyn was the first speaker of the evening. His subject was "The School as Index to the Progress of a Community." How May a School Board Measure the Efficiency of its Teachers, by Miss Mackrell was one of the feature numbers of the program. She who had Miss Mackrell's talk was one of the best also along that line that they ever had the opportunity of hearing to.

A vocal solo by Mrs. Cobb was a great favorite with the teachers and her numbers are generally appreciated. The program closed with an address of the school officers by Dr. Hodges. R. E. Curran, superintendent of the township schools and Miss Mackrell, Sec. 2 and a teacher are among the visitors at the institute.

It was a representative gathering of teachers who attended the second session of the local teachers institute held Wednesday afternoon in the Carnegie Free Library. A very large local teacher a number of visitors including several members of the Board of Education were present. This session was one of interest and should prove very beneficial to the teachers. Several township teachers were also in attendance. The session opened at 1:30 o'clock with music by the institute.

The first speaker was Dr. Henry Davis principal of the Carnegie Free Library. Dr. Davis spoke on "Practical Basis for Progress." Dr. Davis believes in progress and child as soon as it has been in that school the best he can do or an intelligent teacher and a good one. Dr. Davis is a very able speaker and his talk was one of unusual interest.

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THE NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION PLANS.

Scottsdale Association Will
Observe 20th Year Next
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A FINE PROGRAM IS MADE UP

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SHOT NEGRO

In Self Defense When He Attempted to Assault Negress

During a quiet Tuesday night at Republic Day 10, a negro shot a white woman in the back of the head with a .38 caliber revolver. The shot was fired from a distance of about 20 feet. The woman was lying on the ground and was not injured. The negro was arrested and is now in jail.

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BREATH OF SPRING COMES IN WINTER.

Air Tuesday Balmier as a
Day in June and Sun
Shone Brightly.

DRIZZLE CAME ON WEDNESDAY

Snow Melting Rapidly But Accumulated Ice Offers Stubborn Resistance—Temperature Wednesday Was 48 at 8 O'clock

Following a day of cold weather with a water that came in the morning, the sun shone brightly on Tuesday. The temperature was 48 at 8 o'clock. The weather was very pleasant and the sun shone brightly.

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New Plant at Greene Junction Will Be Turned Over Today.

ALL READY FOR USE NOW

Cattle Trains Will Unload Their Cargo Here Where the Animals Will Be Watered and Given Exercise—Plant is Thoroughly Modern

The stock yards of the Connelville Stockyards Company at Greene Junction have been completed and will be turned over for use today. The plant is a very modern one and is well equipped for the handling of cattle. The plant is a very modern one and is well equipped for the handling of cattle.

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Lint Family Hold Annual Reunion At Beatty Home on Christmas Day.

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CONCERTED DEMAND FOR LOWER RATES.

Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce Starts Movement for Coal and Coke

MEN OF PITTSBURG DISTRICT

Alleged Discrimination in Freight Tariffs Will Be Vigorously Taken Up at Meeting Called For January 7—Local Operators Invited.

The coal and coke interests of the Pittsburgh district and the Connellsville region have been invited to meet with the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, on Saturday afternoon, January 7, "to discuss questions relating to the rate situation on coal and coke to the Lake." The Connellsville coke operators are all invited as are also the members of the Chambers of Commerce of Connellsville and Uniontown. The representation in the meeting will not be confined to Western Pennsylvania operators. West Virginia and Ohio interests will also be represented. The protest against discrimination will be earnest and forcible, and it will not end in mere protest. If necessary, decided and drastic action will be taken to enforce an equalization of rates.

As was brought out at the recent Father Pitt banquet of the Pittsburgh Board of Trade, the freight rates charged shippers of this district are much higher than rates for much longer hauls, and this in spite of the great amount of tonnage going from this section and the certainty of a haul back for the railroads. This condition has resulted in the shippers of coal from the Pittsburgh district practically giving away their product and depending on their dock and their allied industries to pay dividends. The coke men suffer as well and the iron men believe that a remedying of the situation is imperative for their sake no less than for the sake of the others. The representation at the meeting will leave no doubt as to the unanimity which is expected to be shown for prompt action is likely to ensure such action being taken.

While a movement for a ship canal from the Ohio river to Lake Erie will be endorsed and the cheaper transportation it will bring about will be declared necessary to the growth and development of the Pittsburgh district, it will be pointed out that, even with the canal, better rail rates will be necessary if the shippers of the Pittsburgh district are not to be handicapped. There will be no injury to the railroads because of the canal, as there will be freight enough for them, but the shippers will demand that, even with the relief from congestion, there should come relief from the rates which have made it impossible for them to realize anything like the proper returns on their investments.

The shippers, however, do not want to wait for a canal to be built before they are given relief. They insist that they have been too long patient and that it is time there was an equalization of the rates which they now have to pay and those which are charged their competitors in West Virginia and other sections.

It will be shown that coal from the Pittsburgh district is charged twice as much, or more than twice as much, as coal from West Virginia, although the haul from this section to the lakes is twice as short and much easier than the haul from West Virginia. In addition to this, it will be pointed out, the railroads between Pittsburgh and Lake ports get a return haul of ore so while cars that carry coal from West Virginia have to be hauled back empty, that freights are assured both ways. This has resulted in a state of affairs, the coal men claim, that they can stand no longer.

At the mass meeting next month, experts will discuss the situation from every point of view. In addition to the representatives of the producers, affected, traffic authorities will be heard. Lawyers will give the legal points involved and railroad men will offer their side of the case. It will be a general discussion, a heart-to-heart talk on a large scale, in which the aim will be the securing of the best interests of all concerned but with the understanding that a more equitable arrangement for the Pittsburgh shippers must be the outcome.

Letters were sent out yesterday by the transportation and railroads committee of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce calling for invitations to the mass meeting. There is assurance that the meeting will be attended by more than five hundred representatives of the different interests, and many more too large to be accommodated at the Chamber of Commerce, another gathering place, equally convenient, will be selected.

The meeting will not be one to map out plans and discuss the possibilities of the situation, but to take action. Data has been gathered in great quantities. Maps have been prepared, showing the coal fields of the country and their relative importance to the Pittsburgh district with the rates governing them as related to this section. The experiences of the recent past have been summarized in such form as to give all observers a quick and comprehensive idea of what the coal men of this district have to contend with and what they need in the way of relief.

The meeting will represent the quiet, earnest efforts of some of those who have been leading the effort for more equitable conditions, and when it is over, it is confidently expected steps will immediately follow which will quickly lead to the relief desired.

GET AN INCREASE.

P. R. R. Engines Get Fine Present For Their Christmas.

About 5,000 engineers of the Pennsylvania railroad have been granted an increase in wages ranging from 10 to 25 per cent, the advance being retroactive, thus giving the men the advantage of the additional pay from the time the railroad made a settlement with the trainmen last summer. The advance does not affect engineers on the lines west of Pittsburgh, those men having been granted an increase in wages before the settlement was made with the trainmen.

The increase, however, is made on the same basis as the advance granted the engineers on the lines West, thus placing the employees of the lines east and west on an equal footing.

For some time conferences between representatives of the men and General Manager W. H. Myers of the Pennsylvania railroad, have been held in

Philadelphia, the advance being a result of the meetings. Under the new scale, firemen will receive 45 and a fraction cents an hour; freight engineers will be able to earn from \$100 to \$200 a month; work train engineers will get 40 cents an hour and passenger engineers will, in some instances, get as high as \$250 a month.

Two months ago the firemen were granted an advance which became retroactive from the time of the settlement with the trainmen. The increase for the engineers is made retroactive also, it is said, because it is reasoned if the trainmen were entitled to receive an advance the engineers were just as worthy to obtain the same concession and should be given the advantage of the increase from the same length of time as the trainmen.

SANTA CLAUS

Visits Strikers' Camp in Irwin-Greensburg Field.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Santa Claus visited the camps of the striking miners in the Irwin-Greensburg field yesterday, and thousands of children of the strikers and hundreds of adults in the camps were delighted by the distribution of toys and clothing. The distribution was in charge of the various labor unions in sympathy with the strikers. The camps not visited today will be tomorrow.

Miss Emmeline Pitt arrived here early yesterday morning from Pittsburgh and started the work of playing Santa. With her assistants she left Greensburg in an automobile for Manor, where the camp at Westmoreland City first was visited. Miss Pitt carried toys for the children and clothing and necessities of life for the older folk.

All were donated by various labor unions and the business people of Pittsburgh. After visiting the settlement at Manor, the party came back to Greensburg and visited Salemville, Luxor and Crabtree. Other places that will be visited today are Hornum, Edna No. 2, Blackburn, Irwin, Rilton, Wyano and Latrobe. Presents will have been given out to about 25,000 persons.

The work of distributing the presents donated by labor unions in Westmoreland county will be looked after by Miss Bertha Walters of Latrobe.

An immense amount of clothing donated by the bartenders of Westmoreland, Allegheny, Washington and Fayette counties will be distributed under the direction of J. P. McGinley, international organizer of the bartenders' union. Conditions of the strikers are better now than formerly. Houses have been provided for all and there are none living in tents.

AUSTIN KING PICKED.

Frick Man to Be New Chief Mine Inspector of State.

Positive announcement of the retirement from the Department of Mines and Mining of James E. Rodrick, the present chief, with the inauguration of Governor-elect Tamm, has been made. The new head of the department is Austin King of Scotland, a former mine inspector, at present employed as chief mine inspector of the H. C. Frick Coke Company in the western part of the State.

The appointment, it is understood, was agreed upon some time ago and was made at the personal solicitation of H. C. Frick. The necessary documents are now in the possession of Mr. King and he is certain of the job. The appointment of Mr. King is in a sense a victory for the soft coal operators, who for the first time since the bureau was established will have a representative at the head of the department.

Austin King is one of the foremost mining experts in the Bituminous industry of Pennsylvania. He has served in many capacities in the Connellsville region, as mine foreman, superintendent, state mine inspector and for numerous years as chief mine inspector for the H. C. Frick Coke Company. Several years ago he was made general manager of the coal mines of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. He resigned that position after a couple of years to return to the Frick company. The news of his appointment to head the mining bureau of Pennsylvania will be hailed with delight by mining men and operators in the Western end of the State.

DICK CADDELL HERE.

Former Resident, Now Lumber Magnate, Visits Old Home.

R. W. Caddell, a former resident of Connellsville, is in town on a business visit from Caddell, W. Va. Caddell is a town on the Morgantown & Kingswood railroad about seven miles from the latter place. It is named after Mr. Caddell and Dick is the head and front of all progressive movements that go on there. He is postmaster, could be mayor, he wanted to be, he held any other office within the gift of the people. And Caddell is no village at that. It has a population of over 1,000 and is steadily growing.

The people of Caddell are chiefly employees of the Kingswood Lumber Company of which Mr. Caddell is president and general manager. The company has a big body of fine timber and the corporation is one of the largest and most successful lumber firms in that section of the mountain state.

W. H. Caddell is secretary of the company. Not much over ten years ago Dick Caddell left Fayette county to engage in business in West Virginia. All he had was an excellent training in the lumber business with the late Henry Huston of Connellsville. Within a few years he has accumulated a fortune of more than \$50,000 with everything indicating that it will grow far beyond that figure.

NO BESSEMER RAILS.

New York Central Will Test Open Hearth Ones in Future.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—It is announced officially that the New York Central Lines will abandon the use of Bessemer rails. For replacement purposes this year, the company has called for a total of 150,000 tons of a high grade open hearth rail instead. The specifications for this rail and also the chemical tests that are demand-

ed to "prove up" are such that no steel company rolling rails has been able thus far to bid on the order. To meet the conditions, however, one of the most unique agreements ever made between a railroad company and steel rail manufacturers has been drawn by which one of the mills of the United States Steel Corporation will roll in experimental order of 10,000 tons of the new rails and at the same time the Lackawanna Steel Company, at Buffalo, will roll a like order. Upon the findings and experience in rolling this lot of rails, a price will be fixed for the rest of the tonnage required.

The question that is now interesting Pittsburgh steel men is to what extent this action on the part of the New York Central Lines will influence, the placing of orders by other companies.

It is expected that the change may ultimately affect the Edgar Thomson rail mills at Braddock, which are now equipped with Bessemer rails only.

Plans are said to be provided already for the building of a large open hearth department at that plant to care for this new demand, which has been growing steadily for the last five years.

10th Regiment Ranked High. The ratings published Friday by Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart show that the Tenth regiment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, commanded by Colonel Richard Coulter, Jr., of Greensburg and of which Company D is a component part, ranks second among the regiments of the State. First regiment of Philadelphia ranks first by a fraction over the "Fighting Tenth."

The general average of the Western Pennsylvania regiments is as follows: Tenth, 92.9; Eighteenth, 92.6; Fourteenth, 92; Sixteenth, 91.5.

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BY BAIRD HALBERSTADT, F. G. S.

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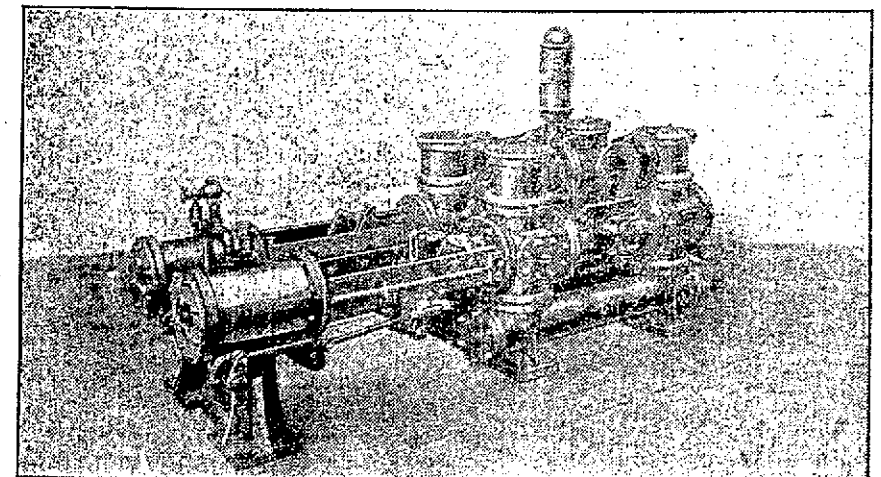
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